

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Wednesday
February 21, 2001
6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland

Members Present

Sharon Fearey
John Van Walleghen
Tony Rangel
Gregory Chinn
Bickley Foster
Doratheia Sloan
Wendell Turner
Veronica Casados
Linda Matney

Members Absent

Bob Schreck
Clarence Wiley

Guests

listed at end

Council Member Cole called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. an official hour earlier to accommodate the length of the agenda. **Cole** welcomed guests and asked DAB members to introduce him or herself and identify the area or association represented.

After introductions were complete, **Council Member Cole** asked for approval of the February 5, 2001 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. (**Sloan/Turner 8-0**)

Council Member Cole asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented. An addendum was added to the Public Agenda to include Day Reporting Center. Approval of agenda with amendments. (**Foster/Chinn 8-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Kathy Dittmer, Riverside Citizens Association, discussed the Liberty Juvenile Services Center/Residential Treatment Facility located at 2050 W. 11th. Ms. Dittmer requested assistance from the DAB with four areas of concern from her neighborhood before the facility receives its license.

- Safety of vulnerable residents within the facility
- Safety for the staff
- Safety of vulnerable citizens to include elderly and children
- The need for more on-site security

Attachment (1) is included to describe activities on-going at the Center.

Member Casados arrived at 6:30 p.m.

After much discussion and many questions, DAB VI made a motion:

→ Request the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to 1) conduct an audit of the Liberty Juvenile Facility; 2) meet with the Neighborhood Associations in the area; 3) confirm the 911 calls made about the facility; and 4) final licensing **only be allowed** if the audit proves that the Liberty Juvenile Facility is safe for both residents and neighbors. (**Fearey/Rangel 9-0**) Members Rangel and Fearey will prepare a letter to be sent to the KDHE and first Pro-tem Doratheia Sloan will sign the

letter to show representation from the DAB. Also copies of the letter will be sent to agencies indicated on the yellow sheet presented by Ms. Dittmer. (Letter attached)

Member Foster asked how this facility will affect property values in the area? The new Alternative Correctional Housing Board (ACH) will meet tomorrow February 22. This issue needs to be brought to them right away.

Council Member Cole stated that the (ACH) does not include juveniles, but will inquire if they would look at juveniles.

Member Fearey said this was a challenge for the (ACH). A survey should be done throughout Wyandotte and Topeka to see what other facilities are doing.

- Recommendation: Request that **Council Member Cole** talk to the (ACH) at February 22 meeting and recommend an investigation of other communities Juvenile and/or Day Reporting Centers and determine what action could be taken and at appropriate time refer to the Wichita City Council. (**Fearey/Foster 9-0**)
- Recommendation: Request the Office of Central Inspection (OCI) re-evaluate facilities permits and conditions required are appropriately met. (**Rangel/VanWalleghe 9-0**)

Day Reporting Center

Council Member Cole stated that the City Council made a motion 2-13-01 that the City of Wichita immediately send a letter to Secretary Simmons (DOC) asking that the movement to locate a day reporting center at Twin Lakes Shopping Center be halted. Also, additional time should be given in order for the City to help in finding a suitable location. The City of Wichita's Law Department will phone Secretary Simmons (DOC) and make notification of the forthcoming letter asking the DOC to halt movement toward the day reporting center located in the Twin Lakes Shopping Center, and that the City Manager and Staff contact appropriate State Representatives and make notification of the City's actions.

A Task Force has been created and will meet February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. to look at new locations for this facility. The locations will then be shared with the new (ACH) board to further investigate. An appeal has been filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). In conclusion, Cole commented that with neighborhood initiative and City Council support this effort was processed forward. The DAB will continue to stay apprised of this issue.

PLANNING

1. **Request: CON2001-00006 Conditional Use to allow Ancillary parking on property in the "B" Multi-Family Residential zoning district.** Between 11th and 12th Street North on Wellington Place Mid Block west side of street. Applicant APEX Engineering, Inc.

→ Recommendation: DAB VI recommends approval of the Conditional Use request since the Applicant has met with the neighborhood association, Genealogical Society and subject to MAPD staff comments.
(Fearey/Sloan 9-0)
2. **Request: CON2001-00007 Conditional Use to allow Ancillary parking on property in the "B" Multi-Family Residential zoning district.** North of 11th Street North and west of Main Street. Applicant Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society Inc., c/o Wanita M. Vickers

→ Recommendation: DAB VI recommends approval of the Conditional Use request since the Applicant has met with the neighborhood association, Genealogical Society and subject to MAPD staff comments.
(Fearey/Sloan 9-0)

Member Chinn left at 7:20 p.m.

COUNCIL AGENDA

3. **Via Christi Presentation**
Pat O'Donnell, Via Christi Personnel, explained concern for patients and traffic flow on Santa Fe street is the reason for wanting to have a one way street converted to two-way. A major concern is to maintain traffic flow for EMS and fire personnel. A team is forming to review a Campus Master plan, there are no plans for change as of now but the team will be aware of what is taking place within the boundaries of the campus.

Member Fearey asked what happened to the plan for a gateway from Broadway street to identify the entrance to Via Christi campus? We need to work to keep traffic flow from North to South out of the neighborhood. Ms. Fearey is concerned that Via Christi won't support the neighbors to get what they want pertaining to the conversion.

Mike Lindeback, City Engineer explained from his presentation several weeks ago on one-way to two-way street conversion this would be a benefit for all interested parties.

→ Recommendation: DAB VI will support one way to two-way

conversion of Santa Fe Street from Murdock to 9th Streets if Via Christi will support in writing (letter to DAB) conversion to include from Central to 17th on Topeka, Emporia, St. Francis and remaining Santa Fe Streets from 9th to 10th. Also, that Via Christi begin to look at designs for a well defined entrance into the Hospital campus to help alleviate traffic in neighborhood and easier access to campus.

4. One-Way Streets Presentation Review

Previous presentation of January 17, 2001, did not allow time for the DAB to discuss the topic and make any type of recommendation. Tonight's meeting will review the information given.

Member Fearey asked if the DAB recommends the two-way conversion, will there be Public Hearings offered?

Mike Lindeback, City Engineer, stated that the DAB meeting is a chance for public in-put, and yes, there will be a chance for Public Hearing before the City Council.

Members of the public spoke regarding concerns and questions, listed below: (responses in italics)

- Many people leave the hospital traveling the wrong way on these streets/*Very dangerous*
- Let's get rid of all one-way streets.
- Safety for the kids if you revert to two-way traffic/*yes, more traffic but speed would decrease.*
- Have all the neighbors been asked about the conversion?/*Flyers were handed out to all the neighbors for both meetings. They have been given a chance to voice their opinion.*

→ Recommendation: DAB recommends to City Council the street conversion without realignment at intersections of one-way to two-way traffic from Central to 17th including 10th, Topeka, Emporia, St. Francis and one block of Santa Fe. **(Fearey/Turner 8-0)**

Main from Douglas to 13th/two-way conversion

→ Recommendation: DAB supports conversion of Main street from one-way to two-way with inclusion of center turn lane South of Murdock but not North of Murdock so there can be street front parking and street does not need to be widened. **(Fearey/Matney 7-1no Casados)**

5. Arts and Crafts Building Request for Proposal's

Two request for proposals for the facility include the Wichita Public Library, USD 259, Head Start, Wichita ACTs, HOPE Services. The Development committee will be reviewing. Not decisions have been made.

→ Recommendation: Receive and File

6. **North Midtown Plan**

DAB Members reviewed the plan established for the 21st Street area improvement. *Dave Barber, Planning staff*, presented that an acquisition of the block from Market Street to Park Place on the North side, is being considered. The property owners of this block are aware and are satisfied if compensated by the City. Wider sidewalks from Park Place to Broadway are needed for landscaping.

21st Street Task Force Members were present, and asked when this will come about? Mr. Barber stated that the improvements are scheduled for 2004.

There will be public in-put at the March 5th DAB meeting.

Recommendation: Receive and File (**VanWalleghen/Fearey 8-0**)

OTHER BUSINESS

7. **Compensation Increase for Council Members Review**

→ Recommendation: Motion 1: Recommend a raise for the Mayor and City Council. (**Matney/Rangel 7-0**) 1 abstain due to conflict of interest.

→ Motion 2: Recommend a Task Force be formed, comprised of DAB Members from each district and develop a future process for Council Compensation Increase. (**Matney/Rangel 7-0**) 1 abstain due to conflict of interest.

8. **Problem Properties**

- Corner of Womer and Big Ditch, ??? Athenian. Used as dump, a house was torn down and now the area is piled with trees and trash.
- Bank of Little Arkansas River from Hood to Porter on 27th Streets. Overgrowth of trees and trash This has been this way for two years. A clean-up has been organized for the area through the Community Police officers. If the City could cut some of this out to assist with the clean-up. This area is a dump and is frequently used to deal drugs.

→ Recommendation: Receive and Take appropriate action.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal

District VI Neighborhood Assistant

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Guests:

Don Checots
Bill Longnecker
Dave Barber
Mike Lindeback
Robert Elliott
Greg Stufever
Alan Fearey
Jack Fishback
Randall G. Allen
Neil Hague
Kathy Dittmer
Debbie & Brian Cavin
Kyle Smith
Max Miller
Steve Duorikotte
Jeff Landreth
Pat McCormack
Connie Treto
H. Yeager
Mary Ahedo
Stephen Pray
Leroy & Jessie Roseberry
Rosalie Bradley

KPTS 320 W. 21st
Planning Staff
Planning Staff
City Engineer
1216 N. Emporia, 67214
1222 N. Emporia 67214, owner
1323 N. Emporia, 67214
1350 N. Emporia 67214
1328 N. Topeka, 67214
1212 Bitting 67203
Riverside Citizens Assoc.
1615 Park Place 67203
APEX 1234 Wellington Place
APEX 1234 Wellington Place
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1407 Park Place, 67203
1124 N. Main 67203
1240 N. Topeka, 67214
2225 Park Place, 67204
1217 N. Topeka
1344 N. St. Francis 67214
1401 Julianne, 67202